

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7130

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Sevier County EMS upon its receipt of the Star of Life Award.

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue a time-honored tradition of public service as first responders, facing the rigors of corporeal imperilment in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, one such group of first responders is the Sevier County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), which was recently honored with the Star of Life Award, a most fitting honor that recognizes their astute commitment to community safety; and

WHEREAS, the Star of Life event honors EMS personnel from across the State who provide exemplary lifesaving care to patients, focusing on agencies that are initial care responders; and

WHEREAS, when a five-year-old girl became unresponsive while enjoying a trip at Dollywood's Splash Country, lifeguards performed CPR and applied an AED to help resuscitate her until Sevier County EMS arrived and continued efforts to stabilize her; working with Pigeon Forge Fire Department Paramedic Eric Preske, the first responders of Sevier County found that the young girl was suffering seizure-type activity and were able to administer Ativan before taking her to the hospital, where a previously undiagnosed condition was later discovered; and

WHEREAS, the award honored the efforts of Sevier County personnel, including Critical Care Paramedic Justin Stalsworth, Advanced EMT Tony Owens, Training Officer Rocky Kanipe, EMS Director Rick Valentine, and Assistant EMS Director Andrew Whaley; and

WHEREAS, outstanding in the line of duty, these courageous Sevier County first responders are citizens of whom the Volunteer State is most proud, and they should be recognized for their professionalism and compassion in the face of danger; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the members of the Sevier  
County Emergency Medical Services upon their receipt of the Star of Life Award, extending our  
sincere gratitude for their devoted service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to  
the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear  
without House or Senate designation.